

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of August 5, 2008 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the print media moves across the nozzles from a first to a second side wall of the side walls of the channel, the print media guide is mounted to the first sidewall to extend from the first sidewall and end before the nozzles and is arranged to contact each moving portion of the first surface of the print media and guide the moving portions of the print media across the nozzles for printing onto the first surface once the moving portions have left the contact with the slanted contact surface. Support for these amendments can be found at page 12, lines 6-27 and in Figs. 3, 29, 30 and 39 of the present application; and

dependent claims 2-4 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

The Applicant has further amended independent claim 1 in order to distinguish the claimed print media guide from the "print media guide" disclosed by Silverbrook '834.

That is, the Applicant respectfully submits that the "print media guide" of Silverbrook '834 clearly extends completely across the nozzles of the printhead, as illustrated in the figure of Silverbrook '834 reproduced by the Examiner. Accordingly, no portion of the print media in Silverbrook '834 leaves contact with the "print media guide" in the printing zone, i.e., across the nozzles.

On the other hand, amended independent claim 1 specifically recites that the print media guide ends before the nozzles and is arranged to contact each moving portion of the first surface of the print media and guide the moving portions of the print media across the

nozzles for printing onto the first surface once the moving portions have left the contact with the slanted contact surface, as is illustrated in Figs. 3, 29, 30 and 39 of the present application.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted no combination of Silverbrook '908 and Silverbrook '834 would result in the specific structure defined in the claimed invention.

Regarding Possible Further Office Actions

If, after consideration of the present Amendment and the above Remarks, the Examiner is of the opinion that amended independent claim 1 still does not distinguish the claimed invention over the cited references, the Examiner is respectfully requested to suggest possible claim amendments which would appease the Examiner. This specific request is being made by the Applicant due to the long prosecution history of the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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